

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-14. (Canceled)

15. **(New)** A particle filter for exhaust gases of internal combustion engines, the filter comprising,

a housing,

a filter body having a longitudinal axis located inside the housing and including a plurality of filter walls, originating at the longitudinal axis of the particle filter and extending substantially in the radial direction and in the direction of the longitudinal axis,

the filter walls being spaced apart from one another in the circumferential direction and being welded or soldered at their face ends, at least in some regions, to at least one securing element, by way of which the filter body is secured in the housing, and

compensation means acting between the securing element and the housing and compensating for motions of the filter walls relative to the housing.

16. **(New)** The particle filter according to claim 15, wherein the compensation means are an integral component of the securing element.

17. **(New)** The particle filter according to claim 16, wherein the securing element comprises a radially outward-oriented outer flange, at which the regions of the securing element that are welded to the filter walls are secured on their side facing away from the longitudinal axis of the particle filter, which flange is secured to the housing, and wherein the compensation means are located between the outer flange and the regions of the securing element that are welded to the filter walls.

18. **(New)** The particle filter according to claim 16, wherein the securing element comprises a radially outward-oriented outer flange, at which the regions of the securing element that are welded to the filter walls are secured on their side facing away from the longitudinal axis of the particle filter, the flange being secured to the housing, and wherein the compensation means are located between a first region of the outer flange, secured to the housing of the particle filter, and a second region of the outer flange, secured to the region of the securing element that is welded to the filter walls.

19. **(New)** The particle filter according to claim 17, wherein the securing element comprises a radially outward-oriented outer flange, at which the regions of the securing element that are welded to the filter walls are secured on their side facing away from the longitudinal axis of the particle filter, the flange being secured to the housing, and wherein the compensation means are located between a first region of the outer flange, secured to the housing of the particle filter, and a second region of the outer flange, secured to the region of the securing element that is welded to the filter walls.

20. **(New)** The particle filter according to claim 16, wherein the securing element comprises a radially inward-oriented inner flange, at which the regions of the securing element that are welded to the filter walls are secured on their side facing toward from the longitudinal axis of the particle filter, and wherein the compensation means are located between the regions of the securing element that are welded to the filter walls and the inner flange.

21. **(New)** The particle filter according to claim 17, wherein the securing element comprises a radially inward-oriented inner flange, at which the regions of the securing element that are welded to the filter walls are secured on their side facing toward from the longitudinal axis of the particle filter, and wherein the compensation means are located between the regions of the securing element that are welded to the filter walls and the inner flange.

22. **(New)** The particle filter according to claim 18, wherein the securing element comprises a radially inward-oriented inner flange, at which the regions of the securing element that are welded to the filter walls are secured on their side facing toward from the longitudinal axis of the particle filter, and wherein the compensation means are located between the regions of the securing element that are welded to the filter walls and the inner flange.

23. **(New)** The particle filter according to claim 17, wherein, in the region of the compensation means, the securing element comprises a web of material that is folded at least once.

24. **(New)** The particle filter according to claim 18, wherein, in the region of the compensation means, the securing element comprises a web of material that is folded at least once.

25. **(New)** The particle filter according to claim 23, wherein the web of material has an areal extent essentially transverse to the motions of the securing element that are to be compensated for.

26. **(New)** The particle filter according to claim 24, wherein the web of material has an areal extent essentially transverse to the motions of the securing element that are to be compensated for.

27. **(New)** The particle filter according to claim 23, wherein the web of material is folded once or three times.

28. **(New)** The particle filter according to claim 25, wherein the web of material is folded once or three times.

29. **(New)** The particle filter according to claim 23, further comprising support means located in an intermediate region between the folded web portions of the web of material.

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30. **(New)** The particle filter according to claim 29, wherein the support means comprises a corrugated support plate.

31. **(New)** The particle filter according to claim 23, further comprising insulating means located in an intermediate region between the folded web portions of the web of material.

32. **(New)** The particle filter according to claim 31, wherein the insulating means include rock wool.

33. **(New)** The particle filter according to claim 23, further comprising at least one inward-curved bead embodied at least in some regions in the circumferential direction on a radially inward-located folded web portion of the web of material.

34. **(New)** The particle filter according to claim 15, wherein the filter walls comprises a sintered metal.